

# Daily Eagle

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Dr. Grosvenor has felt its pulse and pronounces the McKinley boom out of danger.

Massoud Mirza, like Shelby Cullom was not a favorite son and he despatched the snail.

General Weyler wants two years to pacify Cuba. But killing a man a day will not do it.

One of the new torpedo boats is to be built on the Missouri river. We feel much safer now.

The ghost of "garbled quotation" is no sitting on McKinley's bed-post at night haunting him.

Rhodes' only hope now is to establish the United States of South Africa. We are with him in this.

So far the biggest job McKinley has had in the United States was to win Foraker over to himself in Ohio.

In England a man who doesn't like England is called an Aclaphobe. And England is also full of Krugerphobe.

Muzafar Ed Din, the new shah, is a great sportsman. But this assures Persia nothing. So is Grover Cleveland.

Now that it is all over, it may be remarked that General Alger's perennial candidacy dodged under just in time.

Farmer Smith should have understood that C. Leland's failure to talk is purely and ornamentally voluntary.

Rhodes is now a disgraced Englishman and he should make the most of it and pitch in and establish a Republic.

The trouble over the succession of the Shah brings out the real danger of a harem. There are entirely too many harem.

In railroad parlance Cy Leland has had Farmer Smith up on the carpet, made him touch the pen and given him the G. B.

"My memory for little things" says Governor Morrill. "is not as good as it once was." Then he has forgotten Lincecum.

The London Times mourns over McKinley's success. McKinley broke in to New England but Old England is still against him.

Shelby Cullom's experience in Illinois throws light on Mr. Manderson's reason for permitting Nebraska to do what she pleased.

There may be a crazy man on an island in the Arkansas river near this city, but the people would like to see the island produced.

Hogs are now lower than they have been at any time since 1878. Perhaps the packers are inclined to hog every thing by bearing it.

Cecil Rhodes who never had any use for women has fallen in love with a widow. That was the way George Washington started.

The British chartered South African company has in its power to declare war. A republic in South Africa would look well, any way.

Before Farmer Smith loads back at Leland with his heavy left, he should turn and look at the present abject obscurity of Senator Rogers.

It should be understood right now that McKinley's nomination doesn't mean that John Sherman is to be president of the United States.

The general Methodist conference has had to have a sergeant at arms appointed and the militia will not be surprised if it is called out.

It is now said that Grover is watching for the wheel of luck to stop either on the red space of bliss or the black one of woe in July, not November.

Major Morrill has been his worst enemy, according to an exchange. This is probably meant to imply that he should have been his best friend.

Populists who want Briandental ousted will find that the less they talk about doing it and the more they do it, the more likely it is that it will be done.

Farmer Smith now realizes that when nature had conferred the fang on the snake and the sting on the wasp it fitted Oom Cy out with the power of speech.

Kansas City, Kansas, is still having trouble with prohibition. It is a wonder the prohibitionists never tried to have the name of Wyandottette county changed.

From the way in which Cleveland is acting on the suggestion to use his good offices between Cuba and Spain it is feared that Grover has discovered that he is out of office.

As Tillman says, Populism was an explosion of wrath. It knocked the ornamental capstone of Kansas out and that capstone, Ingalls, should be picked up and put back.

The physicians say that King Otto, the mad ruler of Bavaria will live to an old age if a blood vessel doesn't suddenly burst in his brain. Then there is danger of his heart stopping, too.

Oom Cy should reflect, in his fight with Smith, that people are prone to believe that no man can associate with a man who eats onions without eating some himself to keep from smelling them.

T. L. Davis started in with a small vote in the Butler district convention at Eureka and came out with the nomination. The man with a small vote is cutting a figure this year.

## THAT TARDY BELL.

The unpleasant school incident, of last week, seems to have awakened the parents of this city to the realization that the teachers did not build our school houses, nor do they even pay for the clanging tardy-bells, which instruments of torture, while shocking, destroys the nerves of delicate little girls and even unsettles the equilibrium of sturdy boys through an unwarranted tension of apprehension and unnecessary distraction. These school marmas and their coadjutors in pantaloons, who in the name of "discipline," seek their own convenience without reference to the mental and physical welfare of children, whose best interests they are employed to conserve, do not pay the taxes which cover the heavy expense required to maintain the public schools. They do not own the children, nor even the books out of which they are taught. For five days out of the seven, and for less hours each day than the average man and woman devotes to the duties of life, these teachers supervise other people's children, until in many instances their supervision becomes dictation which reaches not only the life of the child, but the life of the parent as well. Apparently much of the balance of their time is employed in devising schemes for rendering their duties less arduous, and in reaching out for new straws to hold down their jobs. In the meanwhile that tender children, under their inflexible rules should become more automatic machines, seems the least of their concern.

And so the tardy-bell has been evolved, not in the interest of the child, not for the comfort of the parent, but for the convenience of the teacher, some of whom have evidently come to think that the public school system is maintained primarily for the purpose of affording a soft place at a good salary for such as can successfully work the board. With the average teacher it is a more heinous offense for a child to be tardy than absent. It is a fact that teachers in the public schools of this city, have said that they preferred that a scholar should be absent a half day than to be tardy for as much as a single minute, clearly demonstrating that such teacher's estimate of the educational part of their work is of secondary consideration.

If these observations should prove radical, or seemingly extreme to some parents, they will not to a majority of mothers and certainly not to any one who has believed, day by day, their own flesh and blood worried into a frenzy from a fear of the tardy-bell or experienced the agony of watching the light of life thus go out from the dear eyes of a darling child. The tardy-bell becomes the daily dread of hundreds of children, robbing them of their rest, destroying their appetites for the morning meal and by rendering them so uneasy and distraught as to incapacitate them for efficient mental application. Of course some children are very much more sensitive than others, but even their own brothers and sisters, and the teacher who is not capable of discerning the difference of their scholars' temperaments and sensitivities is not fit for the vocation. A punishment which humiliates one into the very dust will go unheeded by another. Three weeks ago a little girl in the Emporia public schools, was so outraged and horrified by her teacher exposing her to the ridicule of her schoolmates that she could not bear the idea of returning home. Laying her books down in the street she told her playmates in heartbroken sentences that she was going down to the river to drown herself. She relented on reaching the water, but this little nine year old strayed many miles into the country where she was found after an all night and day's search by her distracted parents. Many children play truant because of being unable to reach the door of the school room before the tardy-bell has clanged forth its doom. A case of this kind in this city a short time since occurred for which a little boy was suspended, and his mother on protesting was told the child would be taken back only on condition that she would permit him to be flogged with a stick. Of course she being a natural mother, would not permit the outrage, still the husband and father must go on contributing taxes to sustain the school marm who doctored his boy of his rights. If these teachers owned the town, or even owned the schools, it might be different. But they not only do not, but as a rule are non-tax payers, having no interest in the town further than the money they monthly draw from its people.

Somebody is responsible for the driving away from home of that little child last week. Who can tell the agony of that little girl just verging on womanhood with her accompanying sensitive and highly wrought nervous condition, or what the dire results may prove in all her after life. Teachers, principals or superintendents, individually or combined, are responsible. If school boards are unequal to the rules, schemes and jobs of place-hunters and professional manipulators, then parents should turn their attention to the elections.

While Kansas people are proud of their schools, they constitute their heaviest single burden. But teachers and boards of education, alike, should be given to understand most emphatically that the schools are maintained for the education of every child and not, per se, for the support of teachers or for favorites who work up places in schools at the public expense. The absence of a scholar from his books and classes is an absolute detriment. His being tardy a few moments is of but little consequence to him, or to any one save the well-paid teacher, and the iron rule enforced by the brazen tongue of the tardy-bell.

School teachers have their rights, as such, but they are such as are accorded by a generous public. Those of the child are fundamental, and in being inalienable are over and above those of the teacher, when it comes to the public school. It is the child first, the parent second and the paid servant, the teacher, who cannot desert without usurpation, last and least. The

teacher who unnecessarily or unjustly humiliates a child commits an irreparable wrong, and one that may color a whole life.

## CLEVELAND'S LATEST MOVE.

Is the esteemed patron of Wall Street, the Democratic sphinx of the White House, dealing double? Is he after all for Cuba and against Spain, or is he playing both into the hands of the syndicate? It was only last week that J. Pierpont Morgan, the head who represents the financial tail of the administration, lifted the lid to his goldbug trap and announced that he would take nine millions of dollars of those Cuban Republic bonds. Three days later the New York Mail and Express editorially announces that "the Washington government has given the strongest kind of assurances to Spain that the belligerency of Cuba will not be recognized or acknowledged by this government under existing conditions. These assurances are said to have been communicated to the Spanish authorities through Minister Taylor, our representative in Madrid. The apparent act of this report is strengthened by the tenor of some recent dispatches of Minister de Lome to his home government, conveying substantially the same assurances respecting the probable action of congress, and the certain action of the president as to the recognition of Cuban belligerency."

It is true that these dispatches were erroneous so far as the action of congress was concerned, but they were undoubtedly correct as to the attitude of the president. It will also be remembered that these dispatches cast an anchor to windward by intimating to the Spanish authorities that it did not much matter as to what action congress might take, because the real power and responsibility of this government were invested in and exercised by the president, whose word is law in all affairs of state and diplomacy. Mr. Cleveland has evidently encouraged that view of the situation. His personal vanity and swollen sense of official importance were undoubtedly gratified by these representations, and under the pleasing emotions thus created within his expansive breast, he has permitted himself to be betrayed into a most arrogant assumption of authority.

These executive assurances, if correctly reported, are in direct and glaring conflict not only with the action of congress, but with the action of the president. In these days of the new woman movement of the American people. To say the least, this performance of the president is in violation of all precedent, and embodies an official discourtesy and an outrageous insult to both houses of congress. It is also totally unprovoked and unnecessary defiance of, and contempt for, public opinion in this country.

If the president did not approve of the action of congress in recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cubans, it was his right and duty to express such disapproval in the customary official manner. He would then have been at liberty to assume an attitude in accordance with his own views and policy. But we are forced to admit that his ignoring of congress, his burrowing, underhand methods, and his defiance of the sentiment of the country are in perfect keeping with the president's character and record.

## MCKINLEY THE INEVITABLE.

The New York Evening Post which keeps standing in its columns the financial scare-crow record of McKinley, has singled him out from all other prospective Republican candidates as the target for its assaults, has at last been forced to the conclusion that McKinley stock is rising in the market and that there is little doubt that he will win the prize at St. Louis. Certainly, Mr. McKinley will be nominated and his nomination will be followed by his election, and the reason for his promotion to first place in the American nation is to be found in the confidence with which the people regard him in every quarter of the union. The popularity of the distinguished Ohioan is easily accounted for, for it has grown into a truism that he is essentially and above all things American, and that once invested with the administrative powers of the government he will be proof against the corrupting influences of Anglo-American financial and all other policies that have the death taint of English gangrene. Under McKinley as president, Americans will be protected both at home and abroad, treatment they have been strangers to under Cleveland. It is a remarkable fact that among all the other political parties, and in his own party, no man stands out so prominently and distinctly, the favorite, the chosen one of the people as Mr. McKinley; and for the all sufficient reason that he is of the people and for the people in the strictly American sense of that term. The Evening Post in commenting on the recent overwhelming victory for McKinley in the Illinois Republican convention strikes the keynote of his popularity and success, when it says: "McKinley has won his present great lead, and will apparently win the race, because he represents something, while the others, even the once favored Reed, stood for nothing." And that something, was the tariff act of 1890, which the Post would fain have its readers believe, other men had more to do with framing than McKinley, admitting, however, that the act referred to "has been idealized in the popular mind as the author of the prosperity that the country enjoyed for the two following years, and is now acclaimed, in a period of business depression." It is too late in the day to attempt to rob McKinley of the authorship of that act, the full credit of which has been universally accorded, and which the masses believe as firmly as that Shakespeare was the author of the plays attributed to him, and not Bacon, as has been falsely claimed. Be that as it may the people, who are not just now indulging in the frivolous pastime of splitting hairs, know full well that the man they have chosen to lead them out of the ruinous entanglement of Democratic maladministration, will be true to the faith that is in him and that noth-

ing can divert him from his firm set purpose to carry out to its legitimate conclusion the American idea of protection and such other needed reforms as will relieve the present distressed condition of the producing classes and insure a new era of prosperity.

## A WOMANLY WOMAN.

On these days of the new woman and emancipated sex the following dispatch to The Chicago Tribune will be read with interest.

Freeport, N. J., April 28.—Mrs. Wiles has sent the following telegram to Mrs. James M. Flower, delegate to the Republican Women's convention at Springfield: "I must decline the high honor of your offer to nominate me for trustee, because the hard-earned performance of the duties of the office would require too much absence from my children."

"ALICE BRADFORD WILES." It seems that in Illinois there is an organization known as the League of Republican women. Its object seems to be to open a side door into the political arena in which women who are ambitious for political distinction can do everything that a male politician can do except vote. Of course the truly emancipated woman would not let a little matter like domestic arrangements interfere with her political aspirations. What does the care of a home compare with the political duties of a nation? Why should the cry of an infant be permitted to disturb a mother when engaged in the great operation of molding the policy of a great political party? But Mrs. Alice Bradford Wiles must be one of the old fashioned women, the women who believe that woman's greatest influence is exerted in the home, and woman's highest duty is the duty she owes to make her home life sweet and beautiful.

## TURK AND ARMENIAN.

Turkey and the Armenian atrocities by the Rev. Edwin Munsell Bliss, with map and fully illustrated, Hubbard Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa. This book comprises the observations of a traveler who is at once a lively and observant reporter, of unbiased judgment, and a profound thinker. The author has not only brought to his work his own undoubted ability and experience, but he has availed himself of all possible aids, historical and otherwise in order to furnish the world with reliable information upon a subject which still continues to command public attention. He goes over the ground familiar to him from previous visits and notes carefully the changes which have occurred, and in all his statements his effort seems to be to confine himself strictly within the boundaries of truth. It has therefore a much higher value and more important interest than the common run of books made up by travelers for mere sensational effect, or written under the spur of religious or political fanaticism. There are many entertaining descriptions of places and much careful report of the social, political and religious conditions of the various races and nationalities of the Turkish empire. He has a great deal to tell of the past and present woes of the Armenians, and he boldly arraigns the Turkish government of today for its manifold crimes of omission and commission against civilization, and what these crimes have been and are, he unfolds in all their inhumanity. And all this he does without manifesting the slightest sign of malice or disposition to misrepresent either Turk, Pagan or Christian, but freely accords to each and all, the virtues to which they are justly entitled. All his criticisms appear to be measured by the exact and unerring rule of justice, and in this consists the chief value of the book. The different oriental sects or churches under Moslem rule are far from being in fraternal relations with each other. The Armenian, Chaldean and Maronite, so-called-Christian churches, hate each other as heartily as everyone of them does the Mohammedan religion. The Armenians, however, seem to be more susceptible to the influence of the Protestant missionaries of Europe and America than any of the other churches, and more inclined to European civilization. They were the first people—we are informed—to adopt Christianity as a national religion, which occurred as early as A. D. 301.

The author tells us that by the treaty of Berlin, the Sublime Porte was bound to secure to the Armenians religious liberty and to protect them against their old time enemies, the Circassians and Kurds. The Turkish government has not only failed to afford the protection it was pledged to extend to the Armenians, but according to the testimony of reliable eye-witnesses in some instances the late massacres which so shocked the civilized world, and in other instances perpetrated butchery where they could have easily prevented it. It is impossible to estimate the exact number of victims who perished at the hands of the merciless fanatics, but from a tabulated statement we learn that 35,000 were slain, while it is quite possible that 50,000 would be more accurate. It only needs the change of a name to exclaim with Stopnik, all who are for progress, for peace and humanity, may unite in a moral crusade against Turkish despotism.

## WEATHER PROPHECYING.

Many people hold to weather prophets, and many have their favorites. It is a kind of hereditary crankism for which Ben Franklin's almanacs seem to have been largely responsible. Notwithstanding the fact that the government has been for years trying to reduce procrastination of that character to something like a rule or science based upon records of long circles its experts all agree that the weather cannot be foretold for more than from 24 to 48 hours for any given station in advance and then that is only done by telegraph reports of advancing storms and local existing climatic conditions. The correlation of planets and the like do not effect the state of the weather for the whole earth or for any portion of it so far as is known through observation. Still many people pin their

faith to weather prophets and not a few in the west, especially, to Irl R. Hicks, probably because he is a western man. For the month of May Hicks says that all things considered, a storm period of considerable force will run from about the 2d to the 7th of May. A brief high barometer and cooler weather will come in the track of the storms, and a reactionary period follow about the 9th to 12th. It will be prudent to watch all storms approaching from the 10th to 13th, as dangerous storms, with tornadoes possible, are very probable at this time. It will be well to anticipate frosts in northern sections. A series of very heavy storms with enormous rainfalls, hail, and thunder will occur for days in succession from the 14th to the 18th followed by a reactionary period from the 21st to the 23d. The last storm period for the month is central on the 27th, covering the 26th to the 30th. There will probably be many dangerous storms in the month and likely tornadoes will visit many sections of the country.

Of course anybody could predict as much, but there you have it.

POVERTY VS. WEALTH.

In an able article appearing in Gunton's Magazine for May on Public Men in America and England, the writer sees Gladstone and Cleveland as types of patriotism. He says that poor Mr. Gladstone, after inheriting a fortune supposed to be ample for all the needs of a gentleman, and living prudently, is obliged to signalize his retirement, from the longest career as a party leader ever known, by selling his library and works of art to reduce his expenses. On the contrary, our American president, after the longest sudden and brief participation in party leadership which has ever crowned personal mediocrity with national disaster, reviews his short period of office-holding, only twelve years in all, to find that it has lifted him from a beacher's flat in Buffalo into the honor of being the first to retire from the presidency a millionaire.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

The best time to plant alfalfa, as proved by Payne county is on May 1. The Waukomis World, it is said, has been hit by a comet of adversity and gone up. Eastern money is coming into Oklahoma slowly. There will be more of it next fall. Bill Knipe of Perkins announces that he doesn't care to run for the legislature again. Charles Lobdell speaker of the house in Kansas will speak at the G. A. R. encampment at Enid.

Jo Waby is going to have a hard time explaining in Washington next October why Oklahoma was so silver.

Guthrie claims that Oklahoma City got the Democratic convention by the fraudulent use of proxies from unrepresented counties.

That woolly statehood convention did not hoodoo Oklahoma City at all. Since then it has been awarded more conventions than ever.

At Guthrie the other day a Mr. Caton had his son arrested because the son ran the old man off the place and would not let him see his wife.

What became of that shaggy rumor that Bill Doolin allowed himself to be captured for part of the reward? And what became of the reward?

The only man who has made any money out of building railroads in Oklahoma up to date is the secretary of the territory who grants charters.

The editor of the Enid Wave doesn't like Bill Walker and as Isenberg never sends to run for office it is going to be hard for Bill to get to him.

The Cincinnati Enquirer recently devoted one column to a silver editorial from the Kildare Journal. What other Oklahoma editor can parallel that?

It may turn out that the Oklahoma City Republican convention was merely a seer to see which men should go to St. Louis for the sake of voting for McKinley.

The chances are that the reason the Democrats put off their congressional convention until August was because they couldn't find any one to take the place.

There is a heap of trouble at Watonga over something but as most people lost the first chapter they are unable to tell what it is about. Two editors have had a knock-down for Chapter II.

The capital question is showing its head again in Oklahoma. If the capital of Oklahoma is never moved it will be a wonder. In most states it has to be moved three or four times before it settles down.

Isenberg of the Wave has been slighted in the arrangements for the entertainment of the editors at Enid. He is hot and says he will be on hand as a plaindealer, and not with a big blue badge as a committee on reception.

Minco Minstrel: An observant citizen of the Chickasaw nation remarked to us a few days since that he felt perfectly safe there would come an appropriation to pay the Choctaws and Chickasaws for all the leased district and for Green county. And the reason he gave, was, that there would be no take-off for conservation and their attorneys unless the appropriation was made. He never mentioned the question as to whether the land belonged to these tribes or not. And, in fact, he is right in ignoring that point, as he is well aware that the size of the take-off decides the game.

## ALONG THE KANSAS NILE

It is reported that all this time Ingalls is lying low despondently.

The El Dorado Republican wants the State Fish Hatchery located in that town. The hood senatorial boom should have its skates sharpened. It is not cutting any ice.

Ed Hackney, a nephew of Bill Hackney will be admitted to the bar in Wellington this week.

At Augusta last Tuesday public school was dismissed on a report that a cyclone was coming.

The Augusta Journal says Labor Day was celebrated in that town with the usual amount of loafing.

Summer and Cowley county Pops have combined to keep Wichita Populists out of state nominations.

The city assessor of El Dorado has concluded and determined that the population of that city is 3,600.

It is said that Jim Treutman is receiving more mail than any other man in Topeka at the present time.

Yesterday the Second district convention began at Lawrence. There is no telling when it will adjourn.

The Whitewater river in Butler county was so full of mud last week that thousands of fish were strangled.

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The Eureka Messenger can not determine which is the dog and which is the tail in the Morrill-Leland mix-up.

It is said the O. M. R. can now control all the large cities of the state except Topeka. And Topeka may yet fall in.

The Winfield Tribune thinks that the break between Morrill and Leland is a fake to work until after the convention.

The latest is that Leland Cole's opponent for the Appellate judgeship, Milton, claims to be a descendant from the poet.

The Mt. Hope Mentor very ably publishes serials in the history of the United States in the place of Republican editorials.

Last week a small cyclone, which did not get into the dispatches struck Heston, in Butler county and knocked one side of the G. A. R. hall in.

Charles Scott of Iola thinks Leland did the sensible thing in going to Morrill and telling him what he believed to be true--that he could not make a good race.

Gabe Warren of Iola is a hero. He is 77 years of age and has not had sleep since November 7, 1906. His wife is sick and he watches her continually.

Touching on Bob Ingersoll's advocacy of McKinley the Winfield Tribune says it is a fact that Bob Ingersoll never supported a winning aspirant in his life and that he is hoodoo.

The Kiowa Review accuses the Medicine Lodge Crescent of putting in a bid for the county printing which was so low that no money could have been made had the Crescent been given the contract. This often happens, rarely works and never pays.

Farmer says that there is going to be a tremendous output of hogs in southern Kansas next year--more than ever before. F. M. Sumpter of Arapahoe, last week butchered a hog that weighed 30 pounds.

He secured forty-one gallons of lard from it.

Lawrence World: The political virus nearly always takes. A few years ago, when the writer was a resident of Hutchinson, there came up a scrap about who should be elected to the city council in a certain ward. There were several candidates, and as frequently happened in such cases, a warm controversy. The disgusted voters picked up a man who was not known to a fifth of the voters of the ward and, because he was not identified with any faction, elected him. History has repeated itself and the man has now blossomed into a statesman.

Whitewater, Kan., May 4. Reading report of prospective wheat crop, will ask if you did not make a slight mistake. I run under the belief that the crop of 1935 exceeds any other in 1936, while the crop of 1936 was larger the grade was very poor. I wrote my first article to Kansas Farmers in July, 1931 forecasting the crop of 1932, saying it would be the big crop, and said same for corn in 1933. Yours truly,

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